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Desert Mounted Corps
A. & N.E. Mtd. Div.
1st Mounted Div.
53rd Division.
3rd A.L.H. Bde.
5th Mounted Bde.
1st A.L.H. Bde.
22nd Mtd. Bde.
N.Z.M.R. Bde.
Field Squadron.
Signal Squadron.
C.R.A.
O.C. Section; 11th L.A.M.B.
O.C. No. 7 Light Car Patrol.
A.A. & Q.M.G.



1. Herewith copy No. 19 of Defence Scheme of Left Sector, Desert Mounted Corps, dated June 12th.
2. (i) The orders conveyed in this Defence Scheme supersede all previous orders issued, which may be in any way at variance to them.
(ii) The following are hereby cancelled :
 - (a) Defence Scheme, Left Section, Desert Mtd. Corps; dated 5th May, 1918.
 - (b) Australian Mtd. Division Defence Scheme, dated 15th May, 1918;and all Appendices and Amendments thereto.
 - (c) Artillery Instructions Nos. 1 to 5.
3. The Administrative Instructions (see Para. 19(i)) which are to be attached as Appendix F are being issued later.

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13th June, 1918.

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DEFENCE SCHEME OF LEFT SECTOR, DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

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APPENDIX A.

NOMENCLATURE OF SUB-DIVISIONS OF FRONT.

1. For the sake of uniformity the following system of nomenclature will be adopted for defensive sub-divisions and works throughout the Corps front.

2. Sub-divisions of ground :

FRONT	Sub-divisions	At present held by
Desert Mtd. Corps Front	1. Right Sector 2. Left Sector	1st Mtd. Division. Australian Mtd. Div.
Left Sector	1. No. 1 Sub-sector of Left Sector. 2. No. 2 Sub-sector of Left Sector. 3. No. 3 Sub-sector of Left Sector. 4. No 4 Sub-sector of Left Sector.	22nd Mtd. Bde. 5th Mtd. Bde. 1st A.L.H. Bde. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.
No. 1 Sub-sector of Left Sector	A Section of Left Sector. B Section of Left Sector	
No. 2 Sub-sector of Left Sector	C Section of Left Sector. D Section of Left Sector. E Section of Left Sector.	
No. 3 Sub-sector of Left Sector	F Section of Left Sector. G Section of Left Sector.	
No. 4 Sub-sector of Left Sector	H Section of Left Sector.	

NOTE: Sub-sector Commanders will adopt the above Section letters. The letters apply to ground and not to units.

3.

Front line posts will

(i) when they form part of a defended locality, be numbered from right to left, e.g., "GECRANFYEH No. 1", "EL AUJA No. 3", "MUSALLAHEH No. 5",

(ii) where they do not form part of defended localities be given monosyllabic names;

In No. 1 Sub-sector they will be words beginning with the letter H, O, P or Q;

In No. 2 Sub-sector with the letter R, S, T;

In No. 3 Sub-sector with the letter U, V, X, Y or Z;

and in No. 4 Sub-sector with the letter W.

Single posts at definite localities like EL HENU, MAKHADAT, KAJIA, etc. will however be called after these places.

(iii) Counter-attack trenches will be called after the name of the posts they support, with the addition of the word "Counter", i.e. MUSALLAHEH No. 1. COUNTER.

(iv) Centres of resistance and other second line works (including those in Bridgeheads) will be given names of two syllables with initial letters as allotted in Para. 3 (ii).

4. Name boards will be prepared and erected early under Brigade arrangements.

5. Sub-sector commanders will forward a list of the names or numbers given to posts and sections with map co-ordinates as soon as possible.

These names will not be used in reports until they have been approved and issued by D.H.Q.

7. Sector of Left
Sector
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No. 2 Sub-sector
Sector

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DEFENCE SCHEME OF LEFT SECTOR, DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Dated June 12th.

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Reference map 1" to 1 mile.

AREA. 1. The Left Sector of Desert Mounted Corps front is organised for defence as stated below (see map E attached).

Right Divisional Boundary :

Dividing line TEL ES SULTAN, 113.K.10.c (Right Sector) - EL AUJA - W. MIDAN - all inclusive to Left Sector.

Left Divisional Boundary :

KURN SURTABEH, 112.M.17 - Pt. 830.H.11.d - EL KUSR 113.B.1.a - RAS ET TAWIL, 113.C.14 - 100. J.20.a.9.9 - EL AZIRIYEH inclusive to Desert Mounted Corps - thence to mouth of Wadi EN NAR, 114.Y.10.

TROOPS. 2. The troops at disposal of G.C.C. Left Sector vary from time to time but are normally

- 1 Mounted Division (including Artillery)
1 Mounted Brigade
1 Brigade R.H.A.
1 Battery 4.5" Howitzers.
2 Mountain Batteries.
1 Section L.A.M. Battery.
1 Light Car Patrol (less 1 car).

SUB-SECTORS.

3. The Divisional front is divided up into four Sub-Sectors, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.

No. 1 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary: Right Divisional Boundary as in Para. 1.

Left Boundary : KH. ES SUMRAN, 113.J.14 - present left of Bridge defences at J.6.a.2.7 - river bend F.25.c.7.8 - thence North along East bank of River JORDAN.

No. 2 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary: Left Boundary of No. 1 Sub-sector.

Left Boundary : The line X.13.cent. - X.31.cent. - Z.13.cent. - SHEIKH IBRAHIM (inclusive).

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No. 3 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary : The line X.13.cent. - X.31.cent. - Z.13.cent. - SHEIH IBRAHIM (exclusive).

Left Boundary : Wadi ABU EL HAIYAT from TEL EL MUSATELLAH to track crossing at Y.14.d.4.6 - W. AUJA at Y.21.c.9.3 - H.4.b.2.2 - H.10.d.7.9 - H.16.d.9.1 - along watershed to H.28.cent.

No. 4 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary : Same as left boundary of No. 3 Sub-sector.

Left Boundary : Same as left Divisional boundary.

GENERAL
SCHEME OF
DEFENCE.

4. No. 1 Sub-sector.

(i) Scheme of defence consists of an outer and inner Bridgehead to the bridges over the JORDAN, extending from the JORDAN on the South side of the bridges to junction of Wadis KELLAHA and AUJA.

(ii) The inner Bridgehead is designed to deny observation on to the crossings.

(iii) The enemy is kept at a distance from the bridgehead by means of patrols pushed well out by day and night.

(iv) By special arrangement, O.C. AUJA bridgehead, in case of threatened attack, may call for assistance from the G.O.C. GHORANIYEH bridgehead by telephone. In a similar manner, O.C. AUJA bridgehead will afford G.O.C. GHORANIYEH all possible assistance, if called upon to do so, reporting immediately to Div. H.Q.

No. 2 Sub-sector.

(i) The main line of resistance runs from Z.12.b.3.3 up the right bank of the Wadi KELLAHA to X.32.a.

(ii) Special provision is made for incessant observation as far South as and exclusive of the EL AUJA Bridge defence line at J.6.b.4.5. In addition the gap between the left post at X.32.a and EL MASKERAH is watched by day and patrolled northwards by night.

(iii) Supporting works at Z.11.a and Z.2.a are in course of construction.

(iv) A Sub-sector line of "Centres of Resistance" (three), on the general line Z.29.c. - Z.14.cent., is in course of construction.

No. 3 Sub-sector.

(i) The main line of defence includes EL MASKERAH - EL MUSALLABEH - Y.21.

(ii) The gap between EL MASKERAH and the left of No. 2 Sub-sector is patrolled Northwards at night.

(iii) Sub-sector "Centres of Resistance" (three) at approximately Y.11.cent., Y.17.a, and Y.16.cent. are in course of construction.

DEFENCE SCHEME OF LEFT SECTOR, DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

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The ammunition allocation for Desert Mounted Corps Left Sector in front of Corps Barrage, exclusive of normal operations is as follows:

ARTILLERY AND S.A.A. ARRANGEMENTS.

1. The S.O.S. signal on the Corps front will be notified from time to time.

It will not be set up by anyone holding a command under that of a Squadron Leader.

A supply of Very's Lights is to be kept in every Headquarters made up into bundles of three lights each.

2. (i) On the S.O.S. signal being seen all Batteries will stand to, only those whose S.O.S. lines cover the portion of the front threatened will open fire. If, after a certain interval of time, no S.O.S. signals appear on other parts of the front, all Batteries which can cover the front threatened will switch on to it in order to thicken the barrage.

(ii) If, after 5 minutes, support is still required and telephonic communication is not possible, the S.O.S. signal must be repeated.

(iii) The rate of barrage will be as follows:

(a) Fire 3 rounds Battery fire 1 second on their barrage lines.

(b) Section fire 10 seconds for 5 minutes.

(c) Should troops require further support or the S.O.S. signal is repeated, Batteries will fire Section fire 10 seconds for 5 minutes on every repetition of S.O.S. signal.

(d) If the S.O.S. signal is not repeated, Batteries will continue Section fire 30 seconds till orders are received to stop.

3. Barrages will be placed as follows:

(i) R.H.A. Batteries and H.K. and S. Battery. 200 to 300 yards in front of the troops they are covering.

(ii) 3.7" Howitzers and 4.5" Howitzers. 400 yards in front of the troops they are covering.

(iii) 60 pdrs. and 6" howitzers. 600 yards in front of the troops they are covering.

4. The following amounts of gun ammunition will be maintained:

	In Armn. Wagons at gun position or wagon lines.	Dumped near gun	In Ammunition Column	In Corps Ammunition Dump
2.75"	154	48	98	200
3.7" How.	88	12	56	244
13-pdr.	176	124	87	200
4.5" How.	108	42		250
60 pdr.	80			240
				280

(80 guns in Right Sector
40 guns in Left Sector)

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5. (1)

The ammunition allotment to Desert Mounted Corps Left Sector in front of Corps Dump, JERICHO, exclusive of normal echelons is as follows :-

S.A.A.	450 boxes	(450,000 rounds)
Hand grenades	500 boxes	(6,000 grenades)
Rifle grenades	200 boxes	(4,000 grenades)
Very's Lights	300 of each colour	RED, GREEN, WHITE.

(ii) This allotment is re-allotted as follows :-

	S.A.A.	Hand grenades	Rifle grenades	Very Lights of each colour RED, GREEN, WHITE.
No. 1 Sub-sector	100 boxes	84 boxes (1008)	45 boxes (900)	200
No. 2 Sub-sector	100 boxes	125 boxes (1500)	60 boxes (1200)	200
No. 3 Sub-sector	200 boxes	250 boxes (3000)	173 boxes (1500)	200
No. 4 Sub-sector	50 boxes	21 boxes (252)	10 boxes (200)	200
Right Group Div Reserves.	NIL	10 boxes (120)	5 boxes (100)	
Left Group Div Reserves.	NIL	10 boxes (120)	5 boxes (100)	

(iii) The above allotments are to be detailed as required by Commanders concerned, due regard being paid to the necessity of keeping reserves in hand.

(iv) Commanders of Sub-sectors will have plans ready, in case of an unrequested withdrawal to a line farther back, to bring all their ammunition with them. At least 24 hours' notice should be taken as the basis of their calculations.

(v) In addition to the above allotment of dumped ammunition, the normal ammunition Echelons will be maintained at establishment figures and may be used if necessity occurs.

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OF DEFENCE -

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No. 4 Sub-sector.

(i) Scheme of defence consists of four all round posts on the line Y.27.cent. - H.7.a. One work to hold supports has been constructed. The mission of the four posts is to form pivots of manoeuvre for a counter-attack against an enemy advancing West of the OSH EL GHURAB (H.29.c) - EL MADHEEH - ABU TILLUL ridge.

Divisional Centres of Resistance

(i) A divisional system of "Centres of resistance" is being prepared under divisional arrangements to connect the left of the AUJA bridgehead via the North bank of the Wadi AUJA - EL MADHEEH, to the posts near the Wadi EL ARRID.

(ii) The prearranged artillery plan for the defence of this line is attached as Appendix G.

CORPS LINES OF
DEFENCE.

5.

If a retirement was ordered from the Divisional system of "Centres of resistance", the lines of resistance would be:

(i) The exits from the JORDAN crossings on the right bank, and the South banks of the Wadis ABU QEIDEN and EL ARRID.

(ii) The entrances to the mountains on the old and new roads and TEL ES SULTAN with strong advanced posts on the Eastern outskirts of JERICHO.

Corps H.Q. is responsible for the selection of and work on these lines, including switches.

ALLOTMENT OF
TROOPS.

6. No. 1 Sub-sector.

(i) GARRISON - 1 Regt. and 1 Section M.Gs.

(ii) The Garrison of the Sub-sector is temporarily placed under the command of the G.O.C. Right Group of the Divisional Reserves, who has arrangements ready to hand over the command of the Sub-sector to Div. H.Q. at a moment's notice, in case of the Divisional Reserves being required to move.

No. 2 Sub-sector.

(i) GARRISON - 1 Brigade.

(ii) One Regt. and 1 Section M.Gs are in Sub-sector reserve.

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ALLOTMENT OF TROOPS (Contd).

No. 3 Sub-sector.

- (i) GARRISON - 1 Brigade.
- (ii) One Regt. and 1 Section H.Co are in Sub-sector reserve.

No. 4 Sub-sector.

- (i) GARRISON - 1 Regt. and 1 Section, I.Co.

The Garrison of each of the four posts will be a troop, with a second troop in support, and a Squadron in reserve.

- (ii) The garrison of the Sub-sector is temporarily placed under the command of the S.O.S. Left Group of the Divisional Reserves, who has arrangements ready to hand over command of the Sub-sector to Div. H.Q. at a moment's notice, in case of the Divisional Reserves being required to move.

Divisional Reserves.

RIGHT GROUP : 1 Brigade (less 1 Regt. and 1 Section, H.Co). Location H.13.d.

LEFT GROUP : 1 Brigade (less 1 Regt. and 1 Section, H.Co). Location ALLIED DUN and Y.38.

ARMoured AND LIGHT CARS : 1 Section Armoured cars, Location 113.H.35.b. 1 Light Car patrol, Location 113.L.1.c.

DEFENSIVE WORKS.

7. Defensive works will be of two kinds :

(1) (a) FRONT LINE WORKS -

Self-contained works to hold garrisons of from a troop or platoon upwards. They will be wired all round and will, in addition, when they are within 150 yards of one another, be joined by rays of wire forming an obtuse angle, thus



with a view to the fire of automatic rifles.

(b) COUNTER-ATTACK TRENCHES -

Will be provided behind all front-line trenches, sited where possible on the reverse slope.

DEFENCE SCHEME - Probable employment of Divisional Reserves.

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1. The Divisional Reserves available are:-

- "A" Brigade (less 1 Regt. and 1 Section H.Gs.) Located H. 12. d.
- "B" Brigade (less 1 Regt. and 1 Section H.Gs.) Located AIN 22
DUX and Y. 28.

2. The most probable lines of hostile attack necessitating the employment of Divisional Reserves, with an outline as to the probable measures which will be taken to meet each attack, are detailed in para. 3 below. The proposed Artillery plans to support the action of Divisional Reserves are attached hereto.

3. (i) Hostile attack southward between the JORDAN and the MULLAHA.

"A" Brigade to operate against enemy as far North towards Z. 12 as possible.

"B" Brigade to counter-attack Eastwards from about Z. 11 and Z. 4.

Communications.

"A" Brigade would extend lines from Bridgehead defences Northwards and use existing lines from Bridgehead to Artillery support.

"B" Brigade H.Q. would move via No. 2 Sub-sector Brigade H.Q., using the communications of that sector to counter-attacking troops and artillery support. These lines would probably require extension by "B" Brigade.

(ii) Hostile attack southward through gap between TOUL POST and EL LASERAH.

(a) "A" Brigade to counter-attack West from about X. 32.

Communications.

"A" Brigade would use existing No. 2 Subsector communications to counter-attacking troops and Right Group Artillery support. These lines would probably require extension by "A" Brigade.

(b) "B" Brigade to counter-attack N.E. from about Y. 5.

Communications.

"B" Brigade would use existing No. 3 Sub-sector communications to counter-attacking troops and Left Group Artillery support.

(iii) Hostile attack against MUSALLABEH and ABU TELLUL.

(a) The intention is to employ Divisional Reserves, if necessary, to support the G.C.C. No. 3 Sub-sector, and as many guns as possible will be employed to support the line.

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(b) The troops pushed forward will be placed under command of G.O.C. No. 3 Sub-sector, who will prepare plans for their employment.

(iv) Hostile attack against the line Y.31. - B.10.

(a) It is essential that garrison of one regiment on this line should hold fast.

(b) "A" Brigade to counter-attack against the enemy's North-Eastern flank.

"B" Brigade to support the regiment holding the line of posts and counter attack against the enemy's S.W. flank.

Communications.

"A" Brigade would use existing No. 3 Sub-sector communications to Left Group Artillery and the same lines extended by "A" Brigade to counter-attacking troops.

"B" Brigade would extend present No. 4 Sub-sector lines.

A.M.D ROADS PLAN.

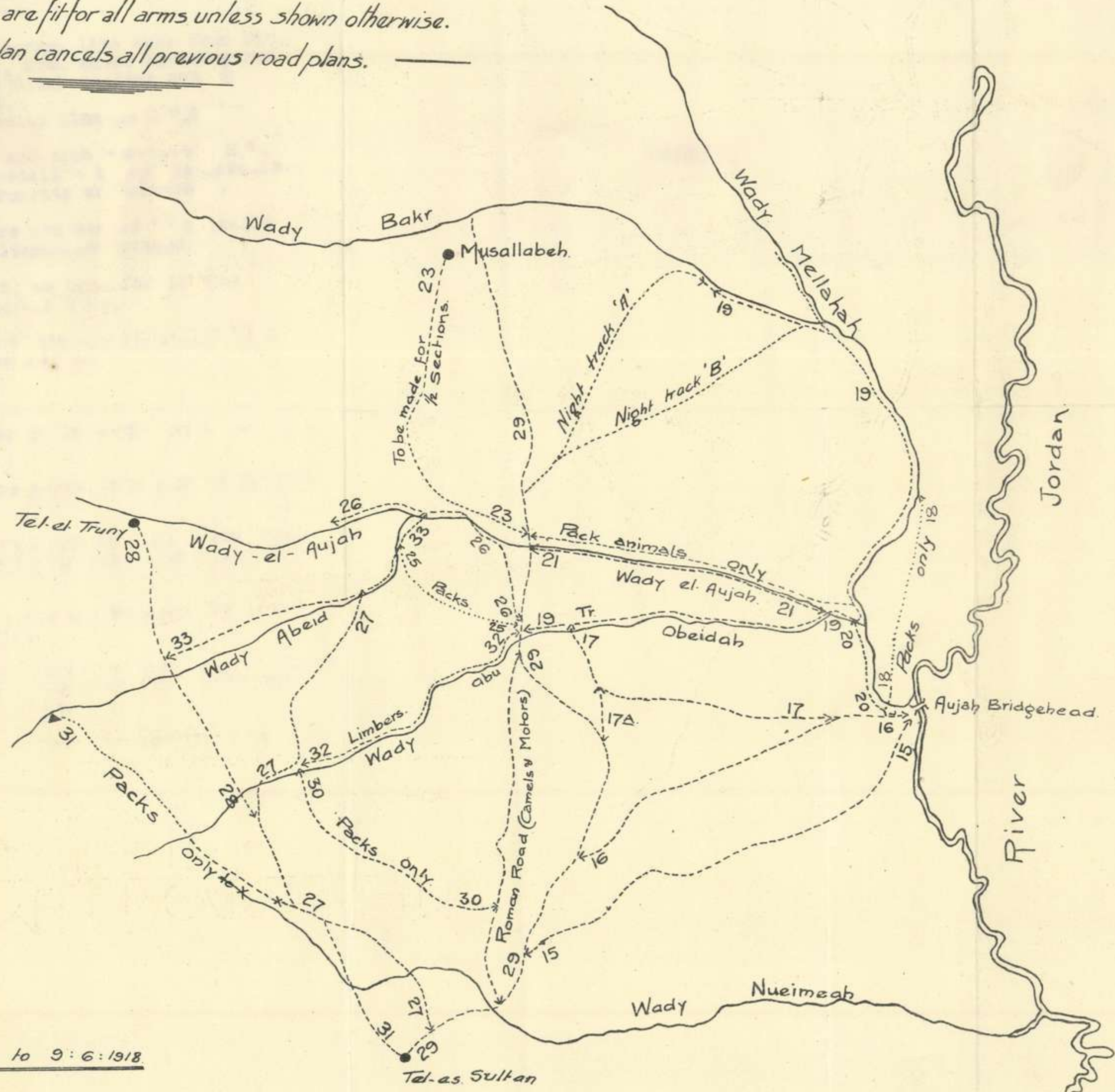
Scale: 1 Inch = 1 Mile

Tracks are fit for all arms unless shown otherwise.

This plan cancels all previous road plans.

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DEFENCE SCHEME OF LEFT SECTOR, DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

APPENDIX B.

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INTER-COMMUNICATION.

- CABLE. 1. (i) The main telephone and telegraph line runs from Div. H.Q. at H.34.a to Y.30.cent., from where branches run to the H.Q. of Nos. 1; 2 and 3 Sub-sectors and to Artillery Exchange at Y.30.d.

DIVISION to SUB-SECTORS. No. 4 Sub-sector has a special line to D.H.Q.
- (ii) All these lines are poled and each Sub-sector H.Q. is connected to D.H.Q. with a metallic telephone circuit, with sounder telegraph instruments superimposed.
- (iii) Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sub-sectors are served by a single airline for buzzers as an alternative method.
- CABLE. 2. (i) The airline in Para. 1(iii) is used for lateral communication between Sub-sector H.Qs.

LATERAL BETWEEN SUB-SECTOR H.Qs. (ii) AUJA and GHORANIYEH Bridgeheads are connected by a line on the West side of the JORDAN.
- CABLE. 3. (i) Sub-sector H.Qs are connected to Regiments by buzzer lines.

WITHIN THE SUB-SECTORS. (ii) Regiments are connected to posts by buzzer or Fullerphone.
(iii) Posts within each Sub-sector and in some cases Regiments are connected laterally by buzzer or Fullerphone lines.
(iv) Posts in the front line which use buzzers are provided with metallic circuits.
(v) Arrangements are in existence for connecting the Regiments holding Nos. 1 and 4 Sub-sectors direct to Div. H.Q. in the event of Bde. H.Q. moving.
- CABLE. 4. (i) The artillery exchange at Y.30.d is connected to D.H.Q. and C.R.A.

ARTILLERY. (ii) Right and Left Group Artillery H.Qs are connected to Artillery Exchange.
(iii) All Batteries are connected to their respective Group H.Qs.
(iv) Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Sub-sector H.Q. is connected with the Artillery Group H.Q. which is affiliated to it.
(v) F.O.Os are connected to their Batteries and to the Regiment they support.
- VISUAL.5. (i) D.H.Q. visual station is at H.29.b and is connected to D.H.Q. by telephone.

(ii) D.H.Q. and H.Q. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Sub-sectors are in visual communication; also D.H.Q. and GHORANIYEH Bridgehead and 53rd Div. at Pt. 2391; 113.S.24.d.
(iii) H.Q. No. 4 Sub-sector is in visual communication with 53rd Div. at Pt. 2391.
- WIRELESS. 6. Wireless Stations are erected at D.H.Q. and H.Q. Nos. 2 and 3 Sub-sectors and AUJAH Bridgehead.

PIGEONS. 7. A pigeon loft is maintained at Corps H.Q. and birds are sent to D.H.Q. and Sub-sector H.Qs.

Detail of Battery Positions, O.Ps, Routes, Zones, etc. in case of withdrawal to the Divisional System of "Centres of Resistance", AUJA - MADHBEH.

GROUP	BATTERY	ROUTE	Position	O.P.	ZONE	REMARKS		
Right Group H.Q. to Quarries J.14.d.	1) AYRSHIRE 2) SOMERSET 3) INVERNESS 4) A/H.A.C.	1. From present positions via Wadi GEBIDEH.	J.15.b J.16.d	Near Quarries J.14.d	Z.12.b.6.5 - Z.1.d.1.1.			
		2. Alternative route - Via new road through J.5.A.3.5.	J.16.c J.15.a		2) O.17.b.3.3 - F.14.b.3.0. 3) F.27.b.3.2 - Z.9.a.9.5. 4) F.15.d.1.9 - Z.7.c.0.5.			
Left Group H.Q. to EL MADHBEH	1) H.K.&S.Bty 2) 11 Mtn.Bty	Round W. spur of EL MADHBEH ridge, to Wadis SUBATA and ABEID thence Eastwards behind EL MADHBEH.	H.5.a.7.7 Y.28.d.7.6	Y.28.d.6.6 Y.25.a.1.1	1) Z.3.c.1.1 - W.25.b.5.5	Exits to either flank.		
			C/301	H.5.b.5.5	Y.29.b.5.1		Z.5.cent. - W.26.e.2.8	Exit to E. flank only.
			B/H.A.C. Notts R.H.A.	J.2.b.8.8 J.2.a.8.8	Y.30.a.0.9 Y.29.b.9.9		X.28.a.1.5 - Y.7.cent. X.28.c.4.2 - Y.9.a.2.1	Exits Southwards along various tracks running parallel to the JERICHO road.

DEFENCE SCHEME OF LEFT SECTOR, DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

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APPENDIX H.

ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME.

Reference maps JERICHO and
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This amended ARTILLERY DEFENCE SCHEME supersedes all Artillery Instructions issued previously by this office.

1. DISTRIBUTION OF ARTILLERY.

H.Q. Left Sector situated at H.34.a, close to D.H.Q.
The artillery of the Left Sector is divided into two groups.

RIGHT GROUP : H.Q. Z.27.d.8.6. Commander Major D. Fraser, M.C.

Somerset R.H.A.	4-13 pdrs.	J.5.a.7.3	} Covering No. 1 Sub-sector AUJA bridge-head.
Inverness -dc-	-do-	J.4.b.8.8	
A/H.A.C.	-do-	-do-	} Covering No. 2 Sub-sector Works T & S.
Ayrshire -dc-	-do-	Z.21.d.11 Z.25.a.11	

LEFT GROUP : H.Q. Y.24.c.5.6. Commander Lt. Col. the Hon. R.M. Preston, D.S.O.

Hotts R.H.A.	4-13 pdrs.	Y.23.b.8.2	} Covering No. 3 Sub-sector KASPERAH, MSA-AJLAREN and the V Works.
B/H.A.C.	4-13 pdrs.	Y.24.c.3.3	
H.K. & S. Bty.	6-2.75 Mtn. Guns.	Y.16.cent.	
No. 11 Mtn. Bty.	4-3.7 Mtn. Hows.	Y.16.d.7.8	Covering No. 4 Sub-sector and the Z and W Works.
C/301 Bty.	4-4.5 Hows.	Y.23.a.4.7	Covering Nos. 3 and 4 Sub-sectors.

In addition to the above is one 75 mm gun which will be used as occasion demands for offensive action from different positions on the front.

COMPS ARTILLERY :

1 Section 91st Heavy Battery. 2-60 pdrs. Y.23.cent.
For counter-Battery work under D.G.R.A. Desert Mtd. Corps.
The dividing line between the Groups is a North-South line through Z.25.a.

2. COMMUNICATIONS.

(a) Telephone communication between C.R.A. Left Sector and the Group Commanders will be maintained by the 1st H.A. Signal Section; those between Group H.Q. and Batteries by the Group Commanders concerned. In addition to purely artillery lines, Group Commanders will be responsible for maintaining telephonic communication with the H.Q. of the Brigades or Regiments with which they are working.

All Batteries will similarly be in telephonic communication through their F.O.Os with the H.Q. of the Regiment holding the Sector which they cover.

To facilitate close co-operation, F.O.Os in adjacent works will be in direct telephonic communication with one another by direct lateral wires.

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(b) Visual. In all cases where it is possible visual signalling will be arranged to supplement the telephone between F.O.O. and Battery positions by day and night, lamps being aligned by daylight ready for immediate use.

3. F.O.Os.

(a) Each battery will maintain a F.O.O. in the battery O.P. from "stand to" till dark.

By night the F.O.O. will be established at the H.Q. of the Regiment which his battery is covering or at such other place as the regimental commander may direct, provided he is always in touch with that commander by telephone.

(b) F.O.Os will be in possession of identically named, numbered or lettered maps and will be provided by Group Commanders with information regarding the barrages which other batteries can bring to bear on their particular position of the front.

(c) The closest touch must be kept between F.O.Os by means of their lateral wires which will be constantly tested.

(d) Register books and panoramic sketches must be kept at each O.P. and handed over to relieving officer.

(e) Any hostile movement within the zone and range of the Battery must be discouraged; no opportunity for offensive action must be lost. Ammunition must not, however, be expended unless commensurate results can be reasonably anticipated.

Should the movement be outside the F.O.Os range and zone, he should pass the information on to the battery concerned.

(f) (i) Whenever any hostile battery is observed shooting the following particulars will be reported immediately by artillery observers to Group H.Q., who will forward at once to C.R.A. for transmission to R.A. Desert Mounted Corps :

- A. Calibre of hostile battery or gun.
- B. Place fired on.
- C. Direction from which fire comes.
- D. Map square in which hostile battery or gun is situated if possible.

(ii) The fall of single rounds need not be reported, but what is required is information about a bombardment of however short a duration, or about a series which is obviously one of registration.

(iii) It is imperative that the location of enemy batteries be established as early and as accurately as possible.

4. ZONES AND BARRAGES.

(a) Where names have been given to works, the barrages covering these works will be similarly named. Where no names have been given, the barrages will be numbered or lettered consecutively from right to left.

(b) All guns will be registered on all important points within their possible zones, so that concentration of fire may be obtained on any part of the front.

ZONES AND BARRAGES,
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(c) ZONE TABLE.

Battery	Normal Zone	Possible Zone
Scmerset R.H.A.	O.27.d.9.1 - F.29.c.0.9	O.27.d.9.1-F.9.B.7.1
Inverness "	O.31.e.3.0 - O.9.b.9.9	O.31.e.3.0-F.15.b.9.9
A/H.A.C.	O.9.cent - X.31.c.0.5	O.9.cent-X.31.c.0.5
Ayrshire R.H.A.	W.36.a.2.6-C.27.d.5.0	W.36.a.2.6-C.27.d.5.0
Notts R.H.A.	X.28.c.8.3-W.21.a.0.0	X.28.c.8.3-W.21.a.0.0
B/H.A.C.	X.20.a.2.1 - W.26.b.9.8	X.28.c.8.7-W.31.c.0.1
H.K. & S. Bty.	X.27.c.8.8 - R.24.b.3.8	X.27.c.8.8-B.18.a.2.8
No. 11 Mtn. Bty.	W.16.a.2.1 - H.13.a.0.6	W.16.a.2.1-H.13.a.0.6
C/301 R.F.A.	W.20.d.7.2 - T.11.c.9.9	W.24.cent - H.29.a.2.6

(d) BARRAGE TABLE.

Work	Normal Battery	Other batteries which can be concentrated
AUJA Bridghead (Right)	Inverness	Scmerset on Northern half
AUJA Bridghead (Left)	Scmerset	Inverness on Southern half.
SAFE + SCRAP SHELL + STAR	A/H.A.C.	+ Inverness
TOOL THIN TEA TAIL =	Ayrshire	= A/H.A.C.
MASKERAH 1 MASKERAH 2	B/H.A.C.	Notts and H.K. & S.
MUSALLABEH 1 MUSALLABEH 2 MUSALLABEH 3 MUSALLABEH 4	B/H.A.C. H.K. & S. Notts	Notts - B/H.A.C. and H.K. & S.
VYSE VALE VLEW VALX ZOO ZEISS WOOD % WILD % WART % WAX %	Notts C/301 11th Mtn. Bty. No. 11 Mtn. Bty.	B/H.A.C. 11th Mtn. Notts C/301 % H.K. & S.

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5. S.O.S.

- (a) Night lines will be laid out by batteries on the particular points which have been selected by the Brigade or Regimental Commanders concerned.
- (b) On the S.O.S. signal being fired, the battery covering the particular zone from which the signal is made will at once open fire on its night lines while all other batteries stand to.
If, after 5 minutes, no S.O.S. signal is made from other parts of the front, all batteries who can cover the threatened point and which are not otherwise engaged will switch on to it and help to thicken the barrage.
- (c) The rate of fire for the barrage will be :-
 - (i) 3 rounds battery fire.
 - (ii) Followed by section fire 10 seconds for 5 minutes.
 - (iii) Should troops require further support, or should the S.O.S. be repeated, batteries will fire at rate of section fire 10 seconds for another 5 minutes on every repetition of the signal.
 - (iv) If the signal is not repeated, batteries will continue section fire 30 seconds till ordered to stop.
- (d) If the barrage does not drop exactly where it is required, i.e. if the attack does not coincide with the night lines, the squadron commander concerned, through the F.O.O. or regimental H.Q., will indicate to the covering batteries the corrections necessary to bring the fire on to the required point.
- (e) Arrangements for the practice of S.O.S. barrages will be made direct between Brigade commanders and Group commanders concerned.

3. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

- (i) The system of ammunition supply in the Left Sector while the R.A. Hill Camp is in being is as follows :
 - (a) Remaining ammunition columns will refill Batteries' wagon lines from JERICHO Dump.
 - (b) Remaining ammunition columns 18th and 19th Edos., R.H.A. will refill Cavalry Brigade ammunition reserve dumps from JERICHO dump as follows :

18th Ede. A.C.	{	1. No. 1 Sub-sector Bde. dump at J.18.a.7.3.
	}	2. No. 2 Sub-sector Bde. dump at Z.19.c.2.0.
19th Ede. A.C.	{	1. No. 3 Sub-sector Bde. dump at Y.23.d.0.8.
	}	2. No. 4 Sub-sector Bde. dump at H.20.d.
- Mounted orderlies will be supplied by each B.A.C. to the Cavalry Brigades in their Sub-sectors as detailed above.

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(ii) In the event of an attack, or any occasion arising which would demand a larger quantity of ammunition than these Columns can deal with, the following will be the procedure :

- (a) 3 three-ton lorries are held ready at JERICHO ammunition dump, 113.J.4.d, which may be called upon at a moment's notice by the C.R.A.
- (b) These lorries will bring ammunition to a Refilling Point at 113.J.13.d.

Ammunition will be brought up in these lorries in such proportions as the tactical situation may demand. Demands for ammunition will be wired to C.R.A., who will advise Officer i/c JERICHO Ammunition Dump accordingly.

(iii) The system of supply of gun ammunition will be as follows:

- (a) F.B. wagons, at present with guns, will, according to circumstances, dump ammunition, proceed to refilling point, and return filled to guns.
- (b) 1st Line wagons, at present in wagon lines, will at once limber up and move to neighbourhood of gun positions.
- (c) B.A.C. Q.F. wagons, at present in B.A.C. lines, will proceed at once to refilling point, where Group commanders can call upon them as required.
- (d) H.K. & S. Battery and No. 11 Mountain Battery will use ammunition animals of both batteries and their A.Cs to refill direct from Refilling Point to guns. Thus all vehicles and animals, whether of Batteries or their A.Cs will be employed in working between Refilling Point and gun line.

(iv) S.A.A. will be taken to Cavalry Brigades Reserve Dumps by remaining S.A.A. vehicles of 18th and 19th Bde. A.Cs.

(v) The system outlined in Paras. (ii) and (iii) will be brought into force by the issue of a wire to all units concerned from H.Q. N.A. Left Sector. This will indicate that the lorries are to start working immediately on receipt of this wire and that vehicles and animals of batteries or B.A.Cs are to act in accordance with instructions laid down in Para. 3.

The senior officer at duty, of the 18th or 19th B.A.Cs, will be in charge of the Refilling Point at 113.J.13.d.

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Weekly Location Return, SG/274
(As at 1200 on 15.4.1918).

Reference map 1" = 1 mile.

Divisional Headquarters	115.M.34.a.
2nd Field Squadron, A.E.	113.E.33.c.
Signal Squadron	113.H.34.b.
Divisional Train.	113.K.9.b.
Divisional Receiving Station	113.K.27.
11th Battery, L.A.O. Bde.	115.L.1.c.
No. 7 Light Car Patrol.	113.M.35.b.
2/32nd Sikh Pioneers.	113.K.6.b and H.11.c.

3rd A.L.H. Brigade	113.H.26.b.3.3.
B.H.Q.	113.Y.23.c.
8th A.L.H. Regt.	113.H.32.d.9.9
9th A.L.H. Regt.	113.H.25.c.5.0
10th A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.28.c.
3rd A.M.G. Sqn.	

4th A.L.H. Bde. (moving to SOLDAN'S POLES night 15th, 14th inst.)

5th Mounted Bde.

B.H.Q.	113.Y.24.d.
1/1st Gloucester Yeo.	113.Z.3.b.9.6.
9th Hodson's Horse	113.Z.18.c.
18th Lancers	113.J.1.b.5.0
19th M.G. Squadron	113.J.1.d.3.8.

1st A.L.H. Bde.

B.H.Q.	113.Y.29.b.central.
1st A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.11.d.2.5.
2nd A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.23.c.6.4.
3rd A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.22.b.8.4.
1st A.M.G. Squadron	113.Y.16.d.4.5.

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32nd Mounted Brigade.

B.H.Q.
6th Cavalry Regt.
1/1st Staffordshire Yec.
19th Lancers
18th M.G. Squadron

113.W.12.d.central.
113.J.12.d.8.8.
113.J.1.c.6.2
113.H.6.d.9.3.
113.J.7.b.0.7.

ARTILLERY.

H.Q.R.A. AUJA Defences

113.H.34.a.

H.Q. Left Group, R.A.

113.Y.30.a.

B Battery, H.A.C.
Notts Battery, R.H.A.
C/301 Ide. R.F.A.
H.E. and S. Battery
11th Mountain Battery

113.Y.30.c.
113.Y.25.c.11.H.A. b78
113.Y.29.d.8.7.
113.Y.13.central.
113.Y.16.b.8.8.

H.Q. Right Group, R.A.

113.J.4.a.

Ayrshire Battery, R.H.A.
A Battery, H.A.C.
Inverness Battery, R.H.A.
Somerset Battery, R.H.A.

113.Z.23.b.central.
113.Z.27.d.
113.J.4.b.8.4.
113.J.5.central.

Section 91st Heavy Bty.

113.Z.23.c.

14th June, 1918.

W. Kenworthy
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

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| 6. | H.Z.M.R. Bde. | 15. | 53rd Liv. |
| 7. | C.R.A. | 16. | G.O.C. |
| 8. | Field Squadron. | 17. | G.S.O. 1. |
| 9. | Signal Squadron. | 18. | 1st M. Div. |
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE for 24 hours ending 0700 14th June.

A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Quiet throughout day.

- B. ENEMY MOVEMENT.
- 0445. 113.X.12.d. 20 pack animals moving N.E. and 50 infantry moving S.W.
 - 0630. 9 men seen at 127.F.3.d.
 - 0636. 113.V.14.c. Parties of two's and three's infantry observed moving northward in foothills about 40 in all.
 - 0650. 127.E.8.c. 40 cavalry moving N.E.
 - 0715. 127.C.3.c. About 200 infantry moving towards RED HILL.
 - 0730. Small parties of infantry moving between 113.T.12 and 127.E.10.3.c.
 - 1230. 113.X.23.c. Enemy observation post seen.
 - 1515. 127.P.13.c. 10 men observed stationary.

Posts in 127.F.2., F.5., F.9. reported occupied during the day.

14th 0210. 113.X.23 to 113.Z.30. 40 enemy rifle shots, 2 bombs, 2 Very lights were heard and seen.

C. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- 0630. 113.W.32.c. Working party digging dispersed by our artillery.
- 0630. 113.Z.22.b. Party working in a trench.
- 0800. 113.W.18.d. New wire and 12 men working observed.
- 0815. 113.X.21.a.5.3. 10 men observed wiring in front of trench, dispersed by rifle fire.
- 113.X.16.d.6.5. Strong post with new wire and fresh work. M.G. emplacement suspected.
- 113.X.9.c. A trench capable of holding 100 men.
- 113.X.3. C.P., possibly for Battery.

D. ARTILLERY.

(Enemy)

Time	Calibre	Nature	No. ras	Fired from	Area shelled
0830	77 mm	H.E. & S.	20	113.U.36	113.Y.6 & 12
0830.	77 mm	-do-	8	113.W.31	Wadi from 113.Y.19:d.4:9. to 113.T.24.d.
1.000	-	H.E.	8	Bearing of 250° from 113.V.35.c. 3.3.	MUSALLABEH

E. PATROLS.

A patrol from No. 2 Sub-sector of 1 Br. officer, 1 Ind. officer, 16 P.R. moved out at 2315 on the night 12th - 13th June and proceeded via 113.Z.6.d. and B.cent. to 113.X.36.7.3 Here patrol halted and Br. officer and 5 other ranks moved forward through X.36.d.0.5, X.36.b.0.5; X.30.c.5.0; X.30.c.1.1 then on to track in X.29.d.7.3. Nothing seen or heard of the enemy. 10 shallow rifle pits were seen in X.36.b.0.5.

F. P. of W. and Deserters for 24 hrs. ending 1900 15th June: NIL.

Lieutenant-Colonel, General Staff,

Usual addressees.

Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hours ending 0700, 15th June, 1918.

A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Quiet. 0710. M.G. fired from 113.W.32 at one of our planes. 0645. 113.V.31. 2 M.Gs fired at one of our planes.

Our North and North East patrols from No. 1 Sub-sector were fired on when moving out to their positions by rifle and M.G. fire. At 0700 party of 16 enemy attempted to attack the above two patrols but were driven off with rifle fire.

B. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

During day small parties enemy observed moving between MUSATEERAH and 113.T.10.b.

A good deal of movement during the day in vicinity of Redoubt 113.K.21 and an increase of movement on the N. end of RED HILL.

0900. Considerable movement in vicinity of MAFID JOZELEH. Enemy O.P. in 113.R.35.b.

1200 to 1400 } Small mounted parties moving about RED HILL.
1350. 113.W.2.central. 3 packs moved S. along track on edge of foothills to WADY MAHMUD 113.W.14.c.
1445. 6 packs moved S. from 113.W.2. to 113.W.14.c.
1615. 2 horse transport moved S. along road from 113.U.20 to Roman Road and then went N.
1700. 113.U.20. 12 packs moved S. along track on edge of foothills to 113.W.27.a.; disappearing in Wady RISHAH.
1715. 2 four hensed wagons seen on road at 127.P.22.
1810. 127.C.13.c. 20 packs going E.

15th.
0420. 127.C.2.c. 16 to 18 pack animals going N.
0435. 127.C.2.c. 6 mounted men leading packs going W.
0530. 113.V.29. 10 mounted men came into view riding S.E. and disappeared on E. side of RED HILL.
0540. 113.U.34.d. 6 packs moved N. along road. 25 horses grazing on N. bank of WADY EL WAR in 113.U.32 and 35.
0600. 8 wagons from RED HILL travelled N. along E. bank of JORDAN.
0625. 113.U.23. 25 camels on Roman Road going N.
0700. 50 camels moved N. from RED HILL.

C. DEFENCES. 113.W.24.b.8.8. 150 yards wire erected.

D. ARTILLERY. (Enemy)

Time	Calibre	Nature	No. rds.	Fired from	Area shelled
0645	77 mm	-	4	113.V.31	Acroplane
0730	-do-	S. & HE	12	113.V.31	MUSALLABEH
0800	-do-	H.E.	10	113.W.5.b	MUSALLABEH

E. SMOKE. Fire was seen burning at 113.U.17.a.

F. P. of W. and Deserters for 24 hrs. ending 1900 14th June :-
1 Deserter - Supply Sec., 72nd Regt. Taken at 113.T.24.c
1 -do- 2nd Regt. taken at 113.W.36.a.

G. GENERAL. 113.X.36.a. Two dummy figures appear to have been put up in trench.

W. J. Stearns
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Usual addressees.

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AUSTRALIA MOUNTED DIVISION (ARABIA)

SUMMARY OF INTERFERENCE for 24 hours ending 0700 16th June, 1918.

A. **ATTITUDE OF ENEMY.**

0635. M.G. gun fired on our plane in 113.T.16.b.

0730. M.G. gun fired on our plane from 127.P.11322AI.C

0700 } Considerable movement of enemy cavalry and infantry in direction of MAFLID JOZEMEN from N.

to 0900. } These troops were observed to move in extended order.

B. **ENEMY MOVEMENT.**

0500. Two squadrons of cavalry observed in 127.G.26. One Squadron in 127.P.2. at detachment Working party of men in 127.G.251.c.

0530. 113.W.5. 8 packs moved along Roman Road to Wadi in 113.U.53. 8.31.2.311 juada

0545. 127.C.1.a. 9 mounted men going

0500. 113.W.9. 20 packs moved W. and disappeared in Wadi 113.W.8.a.

0610. 113.P.11322AI.C 11 packs moved from 127.G.26. to 127.C.25.b

0645. 113.K.30.a. 8 men in a trench.

127.C.13.c. 30 packs and 6 mounted men going W.

0700. 113.W.14.c. 6 dismounted men moved N. on track at edge of scabilla.

0745. 2 pack animals observed going N. from 113.E.10.d.

0830. 8 dismounted men at 127.P.6.d.

0900. 113.T.6. small parties of infantry moved S. to TEL EL RISHEN - 12 in all.

0925. 127.C.9.c. 10 dismounted men leading packs moved E.

1130. 113.V.8.a. 13 wagons moved S.W. along Roman Road.

1220. 127.C.19.b. 10 cavalry moved S. towards TEL EL RISH SHART

1230. 113.H.55.b. Relief of O.R. observed.

1335. 8 mounted men moving on road 127.P.16.b.

1600. 113.U.17.c. 8 2-horse vehicles moved W. along road to 113.U.20.a.

1615. 12 infantry were shelled by our mountain battery while moving from TEL EL MUSATTARAH towards caves in 113.R.36.b.

1700. 20 infantry returned from TEL EL RISHEN to 113.T.6.

1730. 127.C.20.a. 14 camels going S.E.

NOTE: One cavalry Regt. and infantry Battalion have not been observed since 0800 yesterday - time of disappearing at MAFLID JOZEMEN.

C. ARTILLERY. (Enemy)

Time	Calibre	Nature	No. rds.	Fired from	Area shelled
0445	77 mm	-	5	113.X.3.	113.Y.11.b.
0600	-do-	S	-	113.V.31	MUSALLABEH
0615	-do-	-	5	127.G.18	127.O.2.
0600	-do-	H.E.	9	113.T.10.a. central	TEL EL TRUNY patrol.
0610	-do-	S	25	113.X.3.	113.Y.11.b.
0630	-do-	-	-	-	-
0645	-	S	6	113.W.23	113.Y.21.b.
0800	77 mm	S & HE	20	Bearing of 45° from 113.W.35.c	MUSALLABEH
1400	-do-	Double bursting	12	Bearing of 290° from 113.W.35.c.	-do-
1900	-do-	-	3	Bearing of 20° from 113.J.18.d	B. Section, No. 1 Sub-sector.

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TEL EL TRUNY

ARTILLERY (OWN) TEL EL TRUNY

Summary of activities for 24 hours ending 1900 15th June, 1918

1100 - 1500. Our artillery shelled TEL EL TRUNY and TEL EL HIRSHI.

D. PATROLS. A patrol of 1 officer and 15 O.R. with a covering party of 6 O.R. moved out from TICK POST at 2245 on the night of 14/15 June and marched on a bearing of 90° for approximately 3,000 Yds. Listening post previously reported in 113.X.23.a.8.2. could not be placed. The patrol remained at this post 30 minutes, during which time voices and sounds of digging could be heard in about 113.X.16.d. Patrol then returned to TICK POST at 0320.

SIGNALS. Helio seen working at 127.C.18.a and 127.G.28.c.

PROPAGANDA. A letter written and signed by a Turkish deserter from 32nd Legt. was posted up on hut in TEL EL TRUNY. This note stated how well he was received by our patrol, and how well he was locked after behind our lines.

P. of W. and Deserters for 24 hrs. ending 1900 15th June, 1918 :

1 Deserter of the 3rd Bn. 32nd Regt. taken in 113.H.7.b. O.R.

Handwritten signature
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Usual addressees.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER NO. 14.

Reference 1" Map.

1. (i) At 0900 on June 20th G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division is to be relieved in command of the left sector by G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
(ii) At the same hour G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division will assume command of all troops in the SOLOMON'S POOLS area.
2. Div. H.Q. and Divisional Troops will be relieved on June 20th and will move in accordance with the attached table.
3. (i) 5th Mounted Brigade is to be relieved in the left sector by 2nd A.L.H. Bde. and to move as follows, under orders to be issued by A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.
To TALAT ED DUM[?] - Night June 24/25th.
(ii) Orders for the move of 2nd A.L.H. Bde. from SOLOMON'S POOLS to left sector, commencing on the night of June 21/22, will be issued later.
(iii) 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will move from TALAT ED DUM to SOLOMON'S POOLS on June 21/22, under orders to be issued later.
4. Divisional Report Centre will close at 113.H.34.a at 0900 on June 20th and will reopen at the same hour at the Carmelite Monastery, BETHLEHEM.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd.) A. Kavanagh,

Major,
G.S.For Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

June 16th, 1918.

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22, D.G.O.	

RECONNAISSANCE REPORT ON ROAD LATRON TO ARTUF,
THENCE SOUTH TO RLWY, & ROMAN ROAD.

Red track from 085 M.10.D is fit for limbers as far as Wadi branch M.18.C.13 - thence becomes track suitable for cavalry $\frac{1}{2}$ sections or single file.

But good hard road from here suitable for all wheels along Wadi bank until it meets in N.20 the Turkish military road, BAB-EL-WAD - ESHUA - ARTUF.

2. Turkish Military Road runs south from BAB EL WAD, passing ~~500~~⁵⁰⁰ x E. of ESHUA, thence S.W. to U.24.B., where it ~~crosses~~ red dotted track and continues to a pt. ~~1000~~¹⁰⁰⁰ x W. of ~~ARTUF~~

passes
(a) The track south/under a high bridge U.36.D. to meet ROMAN Road 700 W. of DEIR ABAN. This portion is unmade but passable for limbers.

(b) The track S.E. is only fit for single horsemen and shortly after meeting railway becomes impassable for horses.

3. Near here the Railway enters a narrow pass and no road runs with it. From ~~Sta~~^{Sta} U.35 there is a fair road westwards.

4. Roman Road from DEIR ABAN to JERACH is suitable for all traffic.

O. C.

SHERWOODS.

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give

Move to road ^{junction} just ~~past~~ south east ES SALT at once
mounted aaa Report your arrival to Aus Div.

from 5th Mtd. Bde.

0730.

Ref. G.A. 119 of 8th inst. para 3.

The wire J.11 Central - SHILTA - is recommended as
infinitely superior to J.16 Cent - J.8 Cent.

Gloucestershire Yeomanry.

1235	SERGT.	ROBERTS, F.
2918	"	HARDING, W. B.
2336	Cpl.	GOODWIN, A. W.
3102	L/Cpl.	JOHNSON, B. E.
2104	Pte.	ADAMS, H. A.

8th Decr., 1917.

Unit	Strength				Animals			Guns			Natives		
	Effect C.	O.R.	Ration O.D.R.		Horses	Mules	Camels <i>Donks</i>	Vick.	H.	F.A.	Effec.	Ratio	
Bde. H.Q.	4	30	4	55	60	13	2						
Signal Troop	1	31	1	38	32	6	2						
Warwick Yeo.	18	412	18	332	349	48	18		12				
Gloucester Yeo.	17	383	13	288	310	41	17		12				
Worcester Yeo.	19	403	18	359	385	35	17		12	(3 unserviceable)			
19 M.G. Sqdn.	7	154	7	168	213	30	9	10					
Field Amb.	5	118	4	91	48	51	7	29			18	18	
"B" Battery H.A.C.	5	154	5	136	148	23	6			4			
Field Troop	2	46	2	46	64								
3/1 M.V.S.	1	28											
	79	1759	69	1503	1609	247	78	29	10	36	4	18	18

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Reference 1" map.

1. (i) At 0900 on June 20th G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division is to be relieved in command of the left sector by G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
- (ii) At the same hour G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division will assume command of all troops in the SOLGEM'S POOLS area.
2. Div. H.Q. and Divisional Troops will be relieved on June 20th and will move in accordance with the attached Table.
3. (i) 5th Mounted Brigade is to be relieved in the left sector by 2nd A.L.H. Bde. and to move as follows, under orders to be issued by A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.

To TAIAT ED DUM - Night June 24/25th.

(ii) Orders for the move of 2nd A.L.H. Bde. from SOLGEM'S POOLS to left sector, commencing on the night of June 21/22, will be issued later.

(iii) 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will move from TAIAT ED DUM to SOLGEM'S POOLS on June 21/22, under orders to be issued later.

4. Divisional Report Centre will close at 113.H.34.a at 0900 on June 20th and will reopen at the same hour at the Carmelite Monastery, MATHILAH.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

A. Kavanagh Major GS

for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

June 16th; 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION
 MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 14.

UNIT	Date	From	To	Starting point	Time to leave starting point	Route	Remarks
(1) Div. Troops Group H.Q. & H.Q. Coy. Div. Train. Div. H.Q. H.Q. Hd. Sqdn. Signal Sqdn. Sanitary Section	June 20	Left sector	TAPAT ED IUM	1. For wheels. Main road 200 yds. S. of JERISHO SUPPLY CAMP. 2. For houses. TEL ES SULTAN	1030	Men and horses by Roman Rd. Vehicles by New Road.	Whole group under command of C.C. In order of march as noted.
(2) ditto	June 21	TAPAT ED IUM	ELTRINUM	As required			Details will be tested later

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE for 24 hours ending 0700 17.6.18. [7/63]

A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Quiet throughout the Sector.

B. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

13th 0715. 15 men working 127.P.5.
 0730. 113.U.18.a. 10 cav. rode S.W. along Roman Rd. to 113.U.34.
 0738. Troop hostile cavalry in 127.G.21.
 0800. 113.U.33.b. Small party with pack mules moved N. along Roman Rd.
 0830. 113.R.36. 12 infantry moved S. to TEL EL FUMATTIRAH.
 0900. 113.T.17.d. 6 infantry passed behind TEL ER-RISHAH.
 0900. 127.A.33. 14 cavalry moved to NAVID JOHILAH.
 0940. 127.C.19.b. Convoy of 2 animals moving N.E. entered broken ground S.E. of RED HILL.
 0950. 113.X.25.d. About 8 infantry moved to 113.X.21.a.
 1030. 113.X.15.d. Working party dispersed by artillery.
 1715. 113.U.35.c. 3 packs from EL APANAH to 113.U.20.
 1720. Sqdn. of cavalry on ES SALT Rd. moving E. in 127.P.21.d.

Considerable movement observed throughout day at 127.F.23.
 Suspected post here.

Enemy patrols in UMI ESH SHEKT area and S.E. towards foothills appear to be showing more activity during day time than previously.

C. ENEMY REFERENCES.

1655. 127.F.3.a.9.9. 6 men thought to be erecting wire in front of trench.

D. ARTILLERY.

(Enemy)

Time	Calibre	Nature	No. rds.	Fired from	Area shelled
0630	77	H.E.	5	127.P.24.c	127.C.26.d
0720	"	Combination	7	113.V.31	MUCALIAEEN
0900	"	H.E.	5	45° from W.35.c.3.8	"
1000	"	H.E.	12	113.V.31	113.X.32.a.
1015	77	H.E.	19	113.X.3	113.Z.28.b
1415	"	H.E.	5	127.G.20.a	127.O.9.b

0600. Anti-aircraft gun 113.V.31.c fired on our plane.
 1830-1915. Enemy long range gun thought to be 4.2" fired about 12 rounds into our back areas. The following sound bearings were taken:

325° from 113.H.12.d cent. 323° from 113.Y.29.b.cent.

The enemy had a plane spotting for him from about 2;000'.

E. PATROLS.

At 0400 on 16th June a patrol of two troops moved out from No. 1 Sub-sector proceeding via 127.F.23, F.16 cent. to F.8.b. with object of rounding in enemy-parties.

The patrol came under heavy fire from three sides in F.16.c from 25 cav. and 30 inf. On fire being returned by our patrol the enemy cav. retreated through inf., who were also driven back. Enemy casualties were observed.

F. SMOKE.

1200-1800. Dense clouds of black smoke seen rising from 113.X.15.

G. P. of W. and Deserters, 24 hrs. ending 1900 16th inst: NIL.

H. Temperature record for week ending 14th inst is as follows:
 (Maximum shade temperature is given in each case).

June 8th 91° at 1345, June 9th 91° at 1200, June 10th 100.5° at 1400, June 11th 101° at 1300, June 12th 108.5° at 1515, June 13th 109.75° at 1545, June 14th 115° at 1205.

Usual addressees.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
 General Staff, Aust. Mtd. Division.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE for 24 hours ending 0700 18th June.

- A. ENEMY ATTITUDE.** Quiet. Occasional rifle fire from direction of 113.X.31.c and 113.X.23.d.
At 0645 2 M.G.s fired at our aircraft from 113.U.35.
More aggressive than usual in D Section. Enemy fired about 30 M.G. rds. into SAME Post from direction of 113.Z.6.a.
An advanced sniper was also active from about this spot.
- B. ENEMY MOVEMENTS.**
0715. 6 men seen at 127.F.22.a.2.9 going towards 127.F.15.d.
0750. 6 mtd. men moving on track at N. end of RED HILL. 6 mtd. men moving W. from DAVID JOZELEH, turned N.E. in vicinity of 127.A.30, thence to foothills.
0815. 127.A.21. 5 camels going W. to DAVID JOZELEH.
0815. 2 troops cavalry seen moving W. on road in 127.F.22.b.
0830. 113.U.20. 9 packs going S.W. towards WIM BISH SHIRT.
0915. 127.C.19.b. 32 cavalry going S.
0900-1100. Parties of 4 to 6 cavalry moving from DAVID JOZELEH to RED HILL.
0930. 113.U.36.d. 10 packs moved S. along track at edge of foothills to 113.W.3.
0950. Several mounted men at 113.W.20.d going towards G.3.
1100. 8 infantry moved S. from THE IR RISHI to 113.T.6.a.
1600. 113.U.35. 8 infantry moved S. to 113.W.3.a.
1650. 127.C.30.d. 30 leaders moving in S.E. direction.
1700. 113.X.12.b.cont. Working party of 50.
1730. Post at THE IR RISHI fired at by post of four men from THE IR RISHI.
18th 0600. 113.U.15. 3 weapons and 3 horsemen moved S.W. on Roman Road, turned S.E. and disappeared in vicinity of 113.V.33.
0845. 113.X.30.cont. 6 men seen to leave post.
- C. DEFENCES.** Enemy wire round hill in 113.X.13.c.2.2.
Suspected post in 127.F.23.a. This has been constructed during last 2 or three days.
- D. PATROLS.** A patrol 1 B.O., 2 I.O. and 37 O.R. and 2 Hotchkiss rifles moved out from SAME post at 2215 on night 16th/17th. A covering party was left at 113.Z.6.b.0.8. Two lines of entrenchment each 100 yds. long and fifty yds. apart sited West. 5 men from patrol then moved along track into 127.C.31.c.0.8 but nothing was seen or heard of enemy.
Patrol H. to WADY EL RISHI, 113.W.23.c. crossed road in 113.W.23.b & d - 113.W.35.a. on West of road, saw a dim light burning on N.W. corner of GRANT Hill, but owing to rocky nature of country was unable to approach closer than 150 yds. Considerable movement and voices heard. No movement on flat E. of GRANT Hill.

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E. ARTILLERY. (Enemy).

Time	Calibre	Nature	No. rds	Fired from	Area shelled
0645	77	-	10		113.X.51
0800	77	H.E.	6	113.X.12	MUSALIABEH
0850	77	H.E.	6	-	113.Y.22.d
1700)	"	Registering		310° from SAME Post	127.C.32.
1800)	"	H.E. & S.	8	321° from 113.Y.23.c	113.Y.23.e.
1850	"	H.E. & S.	8		

1250. Enemy long range gun fired from approx. 113.R.9.cont. about 20 rounds into JERICHO.

F. F. of W. and Deserters for 24 hrs. ending 1900 17th June, 1918: NIL.

John Haines
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY for 24 hrs. ending 0900 19th June.

- A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Sniper active from direction of X.36.d., but was dispersed by Hotchkiss rifle fire. Occasional rifle fire from 113.X.21 - 23.
- B. ENEMY MOVEMENTS.
- 0700. 12 men - infantry - 80. 113.T.17.b, moving S.
 - 0725. 10 camels moved N.W. along Roman Road. 113.U.33.
 - 0730. 113.U.33. About 20 animals grazing on flat N. of RED HILL.
 - 0745. 113.R.36. 11 infantry moved from caves to TEL EL MUBETTERAH.
 - 0810. 5 infantry moved from TEL ER RISHIH to 113.T.18.a.
 - 1500. 113.U.32. 12 cavalry moved S. along track at edge of foothills, to 113.W.14.a.
- 19th June.
- 0520. 6 mtd. mdr with pack horses seen at 127.F.17.b. cent. going N.W. Subsequently came back to their camp at C.36.c.
 - 0600. 12 men working on road at F.5.x.
 - 0630. 113.X.6.b. 10 cavalry going N.W.

From 0400 to 1000, 18th June, about 20 men cutting brushwood with covering party of 10 men at F.23.b.8.6.

- C. ENEMY DEFENCES.
- Now enemy wire previously reported at 113.X.16.a should read 113.X.12. a. & d. facing S. (R.A.F).
- 113.W.19. 300 yds. trenches facing South.
 - W.20.a. 100 -do-
 - W.6.c & d. 250 yds. disconnected trenches facing South.
 - 127.F.1.a. 100 -do- -do-

D. ARTILLERY. (Enemy)

Time	Calibre	Nature	No. rds.	Fired from	Area shelled
0510	77	H.E.&S	-	127.C.25	113.Y.30.cent.
0700	--	S	-	113.V.31	113.Y.11.b
0800	-	S	5	113.U.36.c	MUSALIABEH
0800	-	H.E.	30	335° from 113.	113.W.15.c
1630	-	H.E.	10	W.35.c	113.W.5.c

E. PATROL. Patrol to a new post about 113.W.18.b.9.9 held up by water in Wadi about 113.X.27.a.central.

F. P. of W. and Deserters taken during 24 hrs. ending 1900 18th June:
1 deserter 3/136th Regt. 53rd Div. taken at MUSALIABEH.

G. GENERAL. 0115. 113.X.36.a. One bomb thrown and rifle fire heard. Ceased on a Very light being sent up from approx. same place.

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W. J. Staines
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 16.

Reference 1st map.

1. 4th A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. will move in accordance with the attached march table.
2. The regimental transport of the 2/32nd Sikh Pioneers will march from TALAT ED DUMM to JERUSALEM with, and under the orders of, 5th Mtd. Bde. on night June 30th/July 1st.
3. (i) On leaving TALAT ED DUMM, 5th Mtd. Bde. ceases to be in Corps reserve and reverts to command of G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division.

(ii) On arrival at TALAT ED DUMM, 4th A.L.H. Bde. comes into Corps reserve and will report arrival direct to Desert Mounted Corps H.Q.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Australian Mounted Division.

23th June, 1918.

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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 16.

UNIT	FROM	TO	DATE	TIME OF STARTING	REMARKS
4th Bde. Coy. of Divnl. Train	SOLOMONS POOLS	TALAT ED DUMM	June 29	So as to pass Kilo. 13 at 2330.	Representative of each Coy. to meet at Kilo. 13 at 1430 29th June to arrange crossing.
5th Bde. Coy. of Divnl. Train.	TALAT ED DUMM	SOLOMONS POOLS	June 29	So as to be closed up and clear of the road at 2300 2300 ^{at kilo. 13} to allow 4th Bde. Coy. to pass.	
4th A.L.H. Bde.	100.P.9	TALAT ED DUMM	June 30	So as to pass Kilo. 13 at and not before 2330	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Representative of 4th A.L.H. Bde. will report to Admcom, TALAT ED DUMM at 1500 on June 30th to be shown water and camp arrangements. 2. Representatives of 4th A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. will meet A.A. & Q.M.G. Desert Mtd. Corps at 1430 on June 30th at Kilo. 13. 3. 1/34th Sikh Pioneers move from JERUSALEM to TALAT ED DUMM on June 30th and are to be closed up clear of the road at Kilo. 13 by 2200 to allow 4th A.L.H. Bde. to pass, resuming their march immediately behind 4th A.L.H. Bde.
5th Mtd. Bde. and Regtl. Transport of 2/32nd Sikh Pioneers.	TALAT ED DUMM	100.P.9	June 30	So as to be closed up and clear of the road at Kilo. 13 by 2300 to allow 4th A.L.H. Bde. and 1/34th Sikh Pioneers to pass.	